

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted to correct a minor error in claim 11 noted in the Advisory Action of 9/29/04. The arguments from the prior amendments under rule 116 are hereby incorporated by reference.

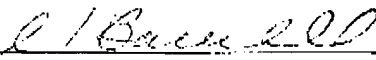
The undersigned had several telephone conversations with the Examiner on October 19. In these conversations, the Examiner indicated that this amendment together with the prior arguments will overcome paragraphs 4-7 of the final office action, leaving only paragraphs 8 & 9 to be responded to in the appeal brief.

Entry is accordingly respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the statement of the due date for the present amendment in the office action is incorrect. Applicants believe that, because a notice of appeal was filed, only a one month extension of time is due at this time. The Examiner is hereby authorized to treat the present communication as a request for a one month extension of time both for this amendment and for the appeal brief, which will be sent under separate cover.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) including fees for any required extension of time, to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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